



Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in the Southeast

What is Partners for Fish and Wildlife?

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore or enhance habitat for fish, wildlife, plants, and pollinator species.

Why is the Partners Program important?

A vast majority of the southeast is privately owned and contains some of the most important fish and wildlife habitat in the region. Together, we can restore and protect wildlife habitat and contribute to the health of the land and the quality of life of the people living on it.

The key is partnerships! Working together to meet local needs, address issues, and take advantage of local opportunities.

What types of activities

does the Partners Program fund?

Our program will fund and offer technical assistance to landowners that restore or improve habitat for migratory birds, at-risk species, and threatened and endangered species. Some activities include longleaf pine planting, bottomland hardwood restoration, forest management, prescribed burning, native grass and forb planting, invasive species removal, wetland restoration, riparian tree planting, cattle fencing, culvert improvement, dam removal, and in-stream channel restoration.

Working Together

From 2009 to 2015, the Partners Program in the Southeast has restored or enhanced:

- 43,000 acres of wetland habitat
- 191,000 acres of upland habitat
- 368 miles of stream habitat
- 2,437 projects

In addition, the Partners program has leveraged an investment of \$12.5 million with partner contributions of \$57 million.



Partners biologist visiting with landowner in Florida, credit © Carlton Ward.



Newly planted longleaf pine, credit USFWS



Juvenile gopher tortoise, credit Chris Potin / Mississippi Army National Guard

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To Get Started

All you need to do to get started is contact one of our biologists and schedule a visit.



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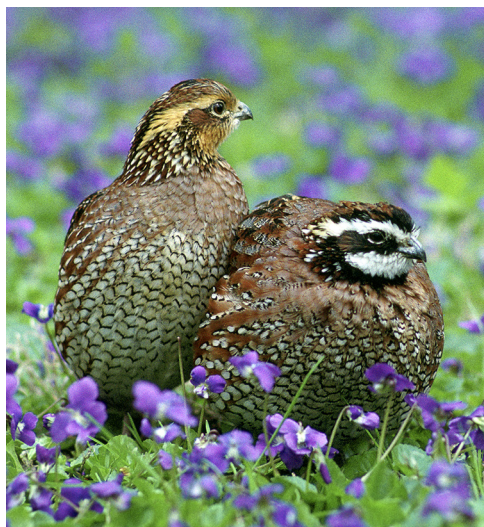
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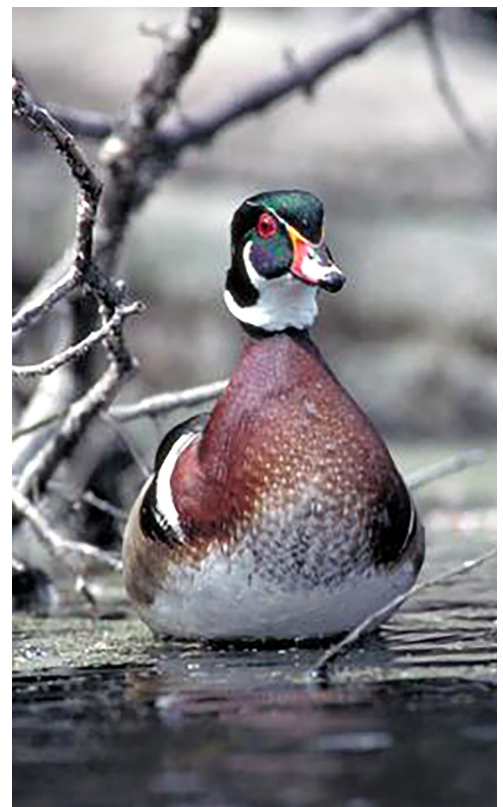
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Dam removal in Alabama that will improve habitat for many species of fish and mussels.



Bobwhite quail



Wood duck



Prescribed fire through a longleaf forest in Mississippi



Kentucky arrow darter

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